

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on Page 9, line 6, with the following amended paragraph:

It is preferable that the insertion has a box-shaped body including a front wall to be inserted through the entrance, and a first side wall and a second side wall, respectively facing the first side plate and the second side plate of the ~~front wall~~ case, the box-shaped body including a first partial stepped groove having a first bottom portion with a dent D8, extending from an engagement portion between the ~~first front wall~~ first side wall and the front wall in parallel with the bottom plate, and a second partial stepped groove having a second bottom portion with a dent D8, extending from an engagement portion between the ~~second front wall~~ second side wall and the front wall in parallel with the bottom plate, and when the insertion is housed, a distance D9 between the first bottom portion and the second bottom portion is fit between the top face of the first rib and the top face of the second rib. The reason for this is that, even in the case where the entrance side is tilted downward, the insertion such as a cartridge can be suppressed from dropping from the case, and the position of the insertion can be determined in the insertion direction.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on Page 13, line 2, with the following amended paragraph:

Furthermore, the cartridge has a shutter to be engaged therewith. The shutter needs to have a function of opening the opening window portion when the cartridge is housed in the recording and/or reproducing apparatus (hereinafter, referred to as a recording/reproducing apparatus) and the disk is at a recording/reproducing position, and closing the opening window portion when the disk is out of the recording/reproducing position. The opening and closing operation of the shutter may have either a configuration in which the shutter reciprocates linearly in a direction substantially orthogonal to a pair of straight lines of the opening window portion, or a configuration in which the shutter rotates so as to reciprocate substantially around a center hole of the disk. The shutter is opened and closed with a member called a shutter opener provided in the recording/reproducing apparatus. A shutter engagement portion to be engaged with

the shutter opener needs to be provided in the cartridge. The shutter engagement portion may be any of a concave portion provided on a side wall on a shutter side in a direction (although referred to as a so-called thickness direction, height direction, or the like; herein, referred to as a thickness direction) vertical to the circumference of the disk as in a cartridge described in, for example, Patent Document 1; a protrusion portion in the case of a configuration in which a ~~side wall on a shutter side~~ shutter side wall projects from a side wall of the cartridge with which the side wall on a shutter side is engaged (hereinafter, referred to as a side wall on a shutter side or a full-length stepped groove side wall); and a convex or concave portion to be engaged with the shutter, provided on a side wall that is adjacent to the ~~side wall on a shutter side~~ shutter side wall to be engaged with the shutter and regulating the thickness direction of the cartridge (hereinafter, referred to as a side end wall or a side wall on a front side). In the case of adopting the above-mentioned portion to be engaged as the shutter engagement portion, when a groove portion having a predetermined depth is provided in the direction of a disk housed in the cartridge is provided on the side end wall, and the portion to be engaged is substantially buried in the groove portion, the portion to be engaged does not project from the side end wall of the cartridge. Furthermore, in the case of the configuration in which the shutter rotates so as to reciprocate, by setting the outer shape of the shutter to be an arc-shape from the rotation center, the rotation operation of the shutter can be performed smoothly. In the case of setting the outer shape of the shutter to be an arc-shape, the ~~side wall on a side~~ side wall on a shutter side also can be set to be an arc-shape.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on Page 23, line 17, with the following amended paragraph:

In the case 1 having the above-mentioned configuration, if at least one of the side walls 20A and 21A of the cartridge 15A is a plane side wall, the same insertion operation as described above can be realized by insertion with the plate side wall (21BA in the present embodiment) positioned on the side plate 3 side. For example, in a cartridge in which a full-length stepped groove having a step over the entire length of a side wall on the shutter side having the shutter engagement portion 22B is provided on one side wall,

and a full-length stepped groove having no shutter engagement portion 22b is provided on the other side wall, the extending position of the protrusion 9, for example, may be biased in the thickness direction of the side plate 3 so that the protrusion 9 is not buried in the full-length stepped groove. Furthermore, when the step portions 10 and 11 are provided in the vicinity of the extending positions of the side plates 3 and 4 from the bottom plate 2 as shown, a cartridge side wall can be engaged between the rib 7 and/or the protrusion 9, and the step portion 10, and between the rib 8 and the step portion 11. Therefore, for example, the cartridge after being housed can be suppressed from coming off from the case 1, and the friction force generated when any of an upper half and a lower half of the cartridge engaged with the bottom plate 2 slides in a plane state with respect to the entire surface of the bottom plate 2 can be reduced.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at Page 30, line 13, with the following amended paragraph:

In FIG. 13, reference numeral 32 denotes an opening and closing engagement member. The opening and closing engagement member 32 is composed of a first hole 33 formed in the ring member 23, a rotation suppressing portion 34 for suppressing the rotation with respect to the ~~moving-sealing member~~ ring member 23, a rotation member biasing portion 36 for allowing the rotation suppressing portion 34 to bias a rotation force with respect to a rotation member rotation axis 35 to the first hole 33, and an engagement removal portion for removing the engagement of the rotation suppressing member 34 with respect to the first hole 33 around the rotation member rotation axis 35.